

HOUSE BILL 3741

By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 31; Title 4, Chapter 51; Title 8, Chapter 4; Title 9, Chapter 4 and Title 49, relative to state lottery proceeds and programs funded by state lottery proceeds. This act makes appropriations for programs funded by state lottery proceeds for an indefinite period of time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) Meet the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(e)

(1) TSAC shall review a student's eligibility at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours. If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours, the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship and, if the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), an ASPIRE award under § 49-4-915.

(2) If a student receiving a Tennessee HOPE access grant does not achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted twenty-four (24) semester hours, but the student, without financial assistance from lottery proceeds, continues to attend an eligible postsecondary institution and achieves a cumulative grade

point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the semester in which the student has attempted forty-eight (48), seventy-two (72), or ninety-six (96) semester hours, or one hundred twenty (120) semester hours, if the student is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program requiring more than one hundred twenty (120) semester hours, then the student shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, if the student meets all other applicable requirements. If the student meets the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2), at the time at which such student achieves academic eligibility, the student shall be eligible for an ASPIRE award under § 49-4-915.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-931(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) Meet the requirements of § 49-4-915(a)(2);

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.